

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please amend claims 8 as follows:

1. (original): A telecommunications terminal comprising:
a receiver for receiving a geographically-sensitive message and an indicium of a geographic location of relevance;
means for ascertaining a geographic location of said telecommunications terminal; and
a processor for determining a geographic region of interest based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal, for determining whether said geographic location of relevance is within said geographic region of interest, and for disregarding said geographically-sensitive message when said geographic location of relevance is not within said geographic region of interest.

2. (original): The telecommunications terminal of claim 1:
wherein said telecommunications terminal is mobile; and
wherein said geographic region of interest is based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal and on a direction of motion of said telecommunications terminal.

3. (original): The telecommunications terminal of claim 1:
wherein said telecommunications terminal is mobile; and
wherein said geographic region of interest is based on said geographic location of said

telecommunications terminal and on a speed of said telecommunications terminal.

4. (original): The telecommunications terminal of claim 1 wherein said geographic region of interest is based on a priority of said geographically-sensitive message.

5. (original): The telecommunications terminal of claim 1 wherein said geographic region of interest comprises at least one of a polygon and a conic section.

6. (original): A method of operating a telecommunications terminal, said method comprising:

receiving a geographically-sensitive message and an indicium of a geographic location of relevance;

ascertaining a geographic location of said telecommunications terminal;

determining a geographic region of interest based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal;

determining whether said geographic location of relevance is within said geographic region of interest; and

disregarding said geographically-sensitive message when said geographic location of relevance is not within said geographic region of interest.

7. (original): The method of claim 6:

wherein said telecommunications terminal is mobile; and

wherein said geographic region of interest is based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal and on a direction of motion of said telecommunications terminal.

8. (currently amended): The method of claim 6 ~~wherein~~-wherein said telecommunications terminal is mobile; and

wherein said geographic region of interest is based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal and on a speed of said telecommunications terminal.

9. (original): The method of claim 6 wherein said geographic region of interest is based on a priority of said geographically-sensitive message.

10. (original): The method of claim 6 wherein said geographic region of interest comprises at least one of a polygon and a conic section.

11. (original): A telecommunications terminal comprising:
a receiver for receiving a geographically-sensitive message and an indicium of a geographic region of relevance;
means for ascertaining a geographic location of said telecommunications terminal; and
a processor for determining whether said geographic location is within said geographic region of relevance, and for disregarding said geographically-sensitive message when said geographic location is not within said geographic region of relevance.

12. (original): The telecommunications terminal of claim 11 wherein said receiver is also for receiving a definition of said geographic region of relevance, and further comprising a memory for storing said definition of said geographic region of relevance with said indicium of said geographic region of relevance as an index into said memory.

13. (original): The telecommunications terminal of claim 11 wherein said geographic region of relevance comprises at least one of a polygon and a conic section.

14. (original): A method of operating a telecommunications terminal, said method comprising:

receiving a geographically-sensitive message and an indicium of a geographic region of relevance;

ascertaining a geographic location of said telecommunications terminal; and

determining whether said geographic location is within said geographic region of relevance; and

disregarding said geographically-sensitive message when said geographic location is not within said geographic region of relevance.

15. (original): The method of claim 14 further comprising:

receiving a definition of said geographic region of relevance before receiving said geographically-sensitive message and said indicium of said geographic region of relevance; and

storing said definition of said geographic region of relevance into a memory with said indicium of said geographic region of relevance as an index into said memory.

16. (original): The method of claim 14 wherein said geographic region of relevance comprises at least one of a polygon and a conic section.

17. (original): A telecommunications terminal comprising:

a receiver for receiving a geographically-sensitive message and an indicium of a geographic region of relevance;

means for ascertaining a geographic location of said telecommunications terminal; and

a processor for determining a geographic region of interest based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal, for determining whether said geographic region of relevance overlaps said geographic region of interest, and for disregarding said geographically-sensitive message when said geographic region of relevance fails to overlap said geographic region of interest.

18. (original): The telecommunications terminal of claim 17:

wherein said telecommunications terminal is mobile; and

wherein said geographic region of interest is based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal and on a direction of motion of said telecommunications terminal.

19. (original): The telecommunications terminal of claim 17 wherein said receiver is also for receiving a definition of said geographic region of relevance, and further comprising a memory for storing said definition of said geographic region of relevance with said indicium of said geographic region of relevance as an index into said memory.

20. (original): The telecommunications terminal of claim 17:

wherein said telecommunications terminal is mobile; and

wherein said geographic region of interest is based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal and on a speed of said telecommunications terminal.

21. (original): The telecommunications terminal of claim 17 wherein said geographic region of interest is based on a priority of said geographically-sensitive message.

22. (original): The telecommunications terminal of claim 17 wherein said geographic region of interest comprises at least one of a polygon and a conic section.

23. (original): A method of operating a telecommunications terminal, said method comprising:

receiving a geographically-sensitive message and an indicium of a geographic region of relevance;

ascertaining a geographic location of said telecommunications terminal; and

determining a geographic region of interest based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal;

determining whether said geographic region of relevance overlaps said geographic region of interest; and

disregarding said geographically-sensitive message when said geographic region of relevance fails to overlap said geographic region of interest.

24. (original): The method of claim 23:

wherein said telecommunications terminal is mobile; and

wherein said geographic region of interest is based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal and on a direction of motion of said telecommunications terminal.

25. (original): The method of claim 23 further comprising:

receiving a definition of said geographic region of relevance before receiving said geographically-sensitive message and said indicium of said geographic region of relevance; and

storing said definition of said geographic region of relevance into a memory with said indicium of said geographic region of relevance as an index into said memory.

26. (original): The method of claim 23:

wherein said telecommunications terminal is mobile; and

wherein said geographic region of interest is based on said geographic location of said telecommunications terminal and on a speed of said telecommunications terminal.

27. (original): The method of claim 23 wherein said geographic region of interest is based on a priority of said geographically-sensitive message.

28. (original): The method of claim 23 wherein said geographic region of interest comprises at least one of a polygon and a conic section.